SNAKES THE CROPS

Queer Industry Carried on Along the Mississippi

THE REPTILES FORSAKE THE

fishermen while making this crossing. An old resident of the bluffs above this city states that he has seen the time in November when the river could not be crossed in a skiff, especially in the middle of the day, when it was warment, without at least a dozen smakes being seen swimming for the bluffs, and he has frequently killed a half dozen rattlesnakes with an oar while going to and from Alton.

A hunter along these bluffs lately saw an old man who appeared to be looking very intently at the water with a field glass, and, curious to discover what it meant, joined him at the edge of the water. The man had with him besides the field-glass a heavy sack and a curious pair of long wooden tongs, and in answer to questions said he was a snake enteber, watching the surface of the water the while.

Presently he sighted a snake swimming for shore a short distance above where he was standing, and proceeded to meet him with his tongs, with which he picked up the snake as he landed. It proved to be a black snake, and was drapped into the sack without further ado. During the next hour he caught two water snakes, a garter make and a spreading adder. The last he put in his sack and turned out the others, mying that they were "no good."

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The old man had grown quite friendly by this time, and a visit, by invitation, was paid to his cabin boat in the back room of which he had cownled over fifty live and hissing soakes, which he said he sold to a party in St. Louis, who resold them to others for different purposes. The trick of catching them he had learned when a boy from Indiana, who would come down to the bluffs and catch rattlesnakes as they crossed the river. These Indiana ey crossed the river. These Indians ed to eatch them with boats, and sold them to a man at the fort. He had learned something that the In-dians did not know, however, and that is that a man can catch more snakes along the shore with half the work. Snake entehing is followed every fall

of the year here by a number of men who appear to find recreation, excite-ment and profit in the occupation, while at the same time they are rid-ding the neighborhood of some very undesirable visitors and thus con-ferring a benefit on their fellowman.

SENSITIVE ABOUT IT.

But He Proved Beyond Doubt That the Jug Didn't Hold Whisky.

An old man with a fringe of gray An old man with a fringe of gray whishers and a general expression of frunkness and truth on his countenance entered a Michigan avenue car at the city hall yesterday carrying a two quarting in his hand. There were seven passengers ahead of him, and every one had his eye on the jug as it was placed under

At Griswold street three more people got in, and they were hardly seated be-fore they discovered the jug. At Washgton avenue the number was increased y two more, and they followed the lances of the others and gazed long and smoothy at the jug. The old man had secordingly reached down for the jug. set it on his kness and said:

"I don't blame ye, but ye hev made a mistake this time. I hain't got whisky,

The man across the sisle smiled in a contemptuous, sarcastic way. It was a sunite which plainly said: "The old hay-need has a dreadful innocent look, but he's lying about the centents of that jug. I've seen jugs before today!" When the old man saw that smile, he reddened up a little and said:

"I never took a drink of whicky in my · life! It's lasses for the old woman to put in her minoement."

And now the woman next to the smil-er also smiled. She was smiling about the mincement instead of the whisker, but the old man took it the other way

"If you folks don't believe me, you a smell of it! If I'd had whisky in the jug. I should her walked?"

"Oh, we don't care to smell of it?" re-plied the man beside him, as he stuck up his nows. "If you say it's molasses, that

estide it, but"—— "But what? Why, gand durn it, of course it's Tasses! D'ye suppose I'd go'n lie about such a thing as thin! I've kept house fur 50 years and never had a drop of licker in it, and why should I begin

"You shouldn't!" said the man who had started the row. "It pains my heart to see an old man like you carrying home the little brown jug."
"It does, sh! Then you think I'm a list, do you? I say it's lasses in the jug, and I want acmebody to taste it. I hain't going to be called a..."
But there was no need of investigation. In his nervousness he lost, his hold on the jug and it fell to the floor with a creat, and was broken in many pieces, while two quarts of New Orleans tholasses was spatiared about and ros over the floor until the post was as large as the head of a herror.

an the head of a berrel.
"Thart Is that lances or whisky? Peo-hin called a drunkard and a list, and true've made me bust the jug and lose

NO HANGLE IN HIS GAVEL.

these wild cate episodes of their senatorial youth.

Way down deep in his heart of hearts each senator believes it to have been a fundamental error of the constitution that the vice president should have been made the presiding officer of the senate. The speakership of the house would have been more suitable, for the house is the more popular body, is recognized as representing the immediate sentiment of the masses and as more fitly the body for the vice president to overses.

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Not but that they acknowledge that it would be more difficult for a new man, fresh from the people, perhaps untrained in parliamentary law, to govern so difficult a body, but some vice presidents, like Wilson, Colfax, Hendricks, Morton and Stevens would have made admirable speakers. One of them was apeaker, and some speakers, names not to be mantioned, have been pretty raw. So it comes that senctors look upon the president pro tempore, one of themselves, as of higher rank than the vice president, and his opinions as more worthy of distinguished consideration than those of their constitutional chairman. True, Vice President Hendricks was held in esteem. He had been a leading member of that body, but it was the esteem of the rest of Israej for Ichabed, whose "glory had departed." He was honored for the place he had filled rather than for the one he occupied.

No abler men have ever sat on the floor of the senate than have honored its presiding chair. But one life stands between the vice president and the leadership of a nation. Four times has death made that promotion in the history of the republic. Thrive have vice presidents received subsequent election to the presidency. There should be greater weight and consideration given the position.

The president, in person or vicarious-

The president, in person or vicarious-ly, bestows 100,000 places from cabinet positions and foreign embassies down to tidewater ships and fourth class post-offices, of which the least are the most important from a political standpoint.

The vice president appoints his private secretary and one messenger, and his patronage consists in one pew in the sonate gallery, back of the president's. It will hold six people. It is not even in the members' gallery. The position is entitled to no more consideration.— Washington Post.

Porty Deliars For Insulting a Mayor.

During a recent election the mayor of a suburban Paris township was engaged in locking after the voting tickets, when he was insulted in the grossest manner by a local publican, who, without any previous altercation, elec-trified the bystanders by suddenly cry-ing out that he was an unmitigated thief, and by adding when they remon-strated: "Your mayor indeed. I am showing him up before every one! Ten yours here and 10 at Mazza make 20!"

An insignation that the head of the municipality richly deserved 20 years' im-This was more than the mayor could stand, and then and there he indited a formal complaint to the public prose-cutor. At the trial the defendant said

that he had abused the mayor as a pricapacity, but this curious explanation had no effect on the court, and he was sentenced to a fine of 200 francs.-London Telegraph.

Helpor theat His Own Pig.

A farmer living near Perth, Palton county, belowd steal his own bog the other night. He was awakened from his sleep in the middle of the night and his sleep in the middle of the night and saked by two men to assist them in loading a log which had tumbled out of the crate in their wagon. He willingly gave a helping hand, and then returned to quiet slumbers. The next morning he went to feed his porker, but there was no porker to feed. It then dawned upon him that he had helped load his own log in the wagon the night before. Montgamenty Reporter.

A Sectory Girl's Four Sea

Spring - From Easter until she goes to the seachore.

Summer - From the time she goes to numbers until the time she gets

Autumn—From the time she gets back until the dancing season begins. Winter—From the time the dancing season begins until the time it ends.— Chicago Récord.

Bridget Didn's Like It. She was a young wife just married from boarding school, one of the lovey dovey order, and although educated in Boaton didn't know beans from any oth-er regetable. Hence this dialogue with

Holy Mosos, mum, they're in their athers yet?"
"Oh, then serve them that way. The ancient Romans always cooked their pea-cooks with the feathers on. It will be a surprise to habby."

"It will that, mam. Sure if you want

Johnny?" queried the teacher.

"A souvenir spoon, marm."

"Did it have any words on it?"

"Yes'm—"For a good boy."

Teacher looked over the smiling faces and observed flammy Elepte, evidently waiting his turn.

"Did your mother and father go to the fair, Sammy?" she saked.

"Yes, marm. They brought me a big silver spoon."

"What words were on yours?"

"Palmer House, marm."—Worcester Spy.



Kidder—Did it ever occur to you that in riding a bicycle you might be en-couraging a certain form of gambling? Ministerial Enthusiast—Horrors, no. There's no gambling about a bicycle, is

Kidder—Ain't, eh? I'd just like to know if it hasn't been a wheel of fortune to the makers?—Buffalo Courier.

your time.

Busyman—Great Scott! Can't do it!

Why, it's 10 e'clock now, and I've got to
leave the office inside of two hours.—
Chicago Record.

Cynic-Tour father was a great man,

Cynic—It is a cusrent belief that great men's sens never amount to anything.— Truth.

A Great Pull. Barber (giving him a swipe down the other cheek)—Yes, sir; I've got some influence in this ward, if I do say it my-

Man In Chair—You do seem so have something of a pull.—Chicago Tribune.

Kawshus-But don't you think it risky to put your money into this enterprise? Prome Oter-My dear fellow, I don't intend to put my money in. What I'm after is to get other people to put their money into it.—Boston Transcript.

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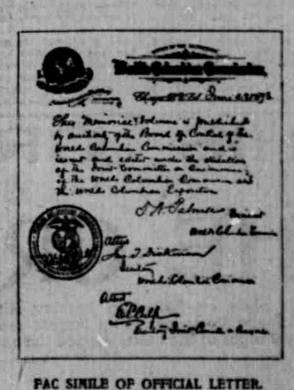
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